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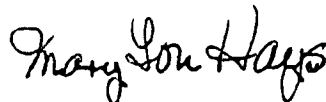
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

For more than three years now Microsoft and the Department of Justice have engaged in an expensive, time consuming, and drawn out antitrust case. Thankfully a settlement has been reached. I am writing to state my support for the settlement and opposition to any continuation of this case.

The Government and Microsoft have spent millions of dollars and thousands of hours on this case. The settlement that has been reached will allow both entities to get back to important matters that this case has distracted them from. This settlement places some rather severe restrictions on Microsoft, but nevertheless Microsoft supports the settlement because it would like to return to get back to business.

Your support of the settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case is greatly appreciated. Allow our technology industry to once again have as its main concern technological development and not expensive court conflict.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Hays